

The airwaves belong to the people and must therefore be both of value to the community and singularly fair. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation, which, we have been assured, time and again, would not make a mockery of our Democracy.

Now we know that what we suspected all along is true: when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need to maintain the soundness of our republic.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.